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PhD student representative election rules

- All PhD students registered in the doctoral program at the time the election is triggered are eligible to vote.
- PhD students can vote for multiple candidates (also have the right to vote for themselves). White votes (empty ballots) are counted in the participation rate. Write-in candidates are not allowed.
- The votation period normally lasts 2 weeks. If less than 50% of the eligible voters cast their votes by the end of votation period, the latter is extended to 3 weeks and a reminder is sent to voters.
- Candidates who receive more than 50% of the votes casts by the end of the votation period are elected to the role of PhD student representative.
- Elections of PhD student representatives in any doctoral program must take place:
 - a) at the latest 2 years after the previous election;
 - b) in case of vacancy.
- The mandate of any PhD student representative lasts until the earliest of:
 - a) the date of his/her private defense;
 - b) the date of his/her resignation if at least one representative remains;
 - c) the date at which results of the subsequent election have been approved by the Doctoral School.
- After the election, the elected PhD student representatives must nominate an official spokesperson for the Doctoral School among themselves (who is *primus/prima inter pares*). If the

spokesperson withdraws from his/her role, a new spokesperson is nominated by the remaining PhD student representatives, if any.

- At least one representative is similarly appointed to the doctoral program committee; this person need not be the Doctoral School spokesperson.